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Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**Best water fight ever with
the Galston RFS!**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I would like to start with a reminder that we are calling for nominations for the Alan Overton Award. This award is given out at our Annual Report Presentation. It is for a person within Scouting, who puts in 110%, like Alan Overton. Please send your nominations and Citations to rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au or if you would like any more information, please drop me a line. Applications for this will close on 30th of April 2019.

Our Region ARP is on Sunday 2nd June at Bundilla Scout Camp, commencing at 2pm in the Peter Waite room. All are welcome. All groups should have had their ARP before June.

There are a lot of groups that still haven't booked their ARPs with the Region Office. If you have not sent them to Region Office please do so now. If you have given it to your DC that is fine, I will get the dates from them.

Some people are aware that we have had to merge 1st North Mt Druitt and 1st Whalan. These groups combined have chosen to name the group 1st Nurrangy. Please join me in welcoming them.

I had the pleasure in attending the launch of Scouts NSW 3 Year Strategic Plan at Government house. The Governor of NSW, David Hurley, launched the plan and some might ask, why is this important to GWS? Our growth and the region plan must be in line with the state plan. In the next 12 months our region is looking for a growth of 400 members and a major focus will be on retention. More information on this will come out in the near future.

Gang Show time is here again with the first rehearsal on March 9. Being the 50th year it is promising to be the biggest and best yet! Buy your tickets early to get your preferred seats. I look forward to attending some of the rehearsals along the way, but I must say I look forward to seeing the show.

As we are all aware Scouts has a new Logo, Region Office now has the new iron on badge for sale. Please contact the office for yours or drop in and pick some up. Cost of the badge is just \$2.00 each.

Don't forget to contact the Region Office if your group needs help with the New youth program.

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Region Commissioner
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First Aid Course (HLTAID003 Provide First Aid)

This course is suitable for Work Cover, Venturer First Aid, Scout Blue & Green First Aid and pre-requisite for Remote First Aid.

2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall
25 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills

Cost \$55.00 for members - \$75 non-members
Maximum 38 per class - book early!

13 April 2019

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/193>

22 June 2019

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/194>

24 August 2019

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/195>

*Visit the website for full details
and booking dates.*

CAVING PROFICIENCY BADGE COURSE

(open to members of the Scout section)

Maximum 66 participants

7:45am Saturday April 27, 2019

to

3:00pm Sunday April 28, 2019

@ Billy Grace Reserve, Wee Jasper

Scouts: \$38

Leaders and Caving Team: Free

Registrations open now!

Registrations close Wednesday April 10, 2019

See the EMS for full details and E1 template

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/175>

GWSR BUSHWALKING

Yerranderie to Mittagong Nattai Saturday Jan 19 - Thursday Jan 24

Despite challenges with the weather and overgrown and flood effected terrain; we traversed the walking route between Yerranderie to Hilltop over 5 days, with a road transfer to Mittagong Station in the afternoon. Probably the most challenging walk we have ever attempted, through a forgotten valley to the south of Lake Burragarang.

UPCOMING BUSHWALKS

Jamison Valley Loop 3 days Blue Mountains Saturday April 13 - Sunday April 15 (School holidays)

Jamison and Kedumba Valleys. Less known route, remnants of indigenous, local mining and farming history. **Register by Friday March 29**
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/185>

The Six Foot Track 3 days Blue Mountains Wednesday April 24 - Friday April 26 (School holidays)

Following an 1884 heritage horse track, this challenging walk starts near Katoomba, passing cascading waterfalls and wild rivers into the Megalong Valley and village, before crossing a unique swing bridge, climbing the range, and arriving at Jenolan Caves!

Register by Tuesday April 9
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/215>

Tristan Flores
Region Leader Bushwalking



GWS Region - Fun Day on the Water @ Lake Parramatta

Another fabulous Fun Day on the Water on Saturday 9th March with over 450 Joeys, Cubs, Parents and Leaders taking part in the mayhem and fun. Thanks to every one of the leaders and parents who worked together with the team and with their Joeys and Cubs to make the day special. The water activities team cannot do this without your cooperation and assistance. You were all brilliant and helpful at all times. Special thanks to all the Leaders, Scouts and Venturers who worked on the bases to ensure that everything went smoothly and that every child had a great time in a safe environment.

As part of the youth program principles of plan, do, review, I invite all participants, parents and leaders to offer feedback on what worked well and what could have been done better. This feedback is important to the water team and we will use it to make next year's event another fabulous fun day for the Scouts. Please email Tracey at Parramatta@greaterwestscouts.com.au with your feedback. Please ask your Joeys and Cubs to give feedback on what they liked and what they didn't like, so we can take this into account when planning the next Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water.

Best chuckle of the day was the Joey who departed from the swimming area (having been swimming and was at that stage dripping wet) who was distressed by some large rain drops that began to fall. I asked what the problem was and was wisely advised that "they didn't want to get wet" Go figure!!

Keep an eye out on the EMS for upcoming water activities.

Tracey Hansford
District Commissioner, Parramatta District
Research Officer, Scouts Australia NSW
Email: Parramatta@greaterwestscouts.com.au





Fun Day on the Water

CUB SCOUT REPORT

The Scouting year has not long begun yet Cubs from across the Region have been very busy indeed!

Cub Scout Leadership Course

On Saturday 2 March, we held a very successful Cub Scout Leadership Course at Bundilla Scout Camp. This course is proving very popular. We had registrations from 78 Cubs, however we have found that we can only cater for 60 Cubs on any one course and capped the numbers.

Due to the popularity of the course, we have increased the number of courses on offer this year to three, with the next course scheduled for 10th August. Also, due to the change in the Age Ranges, **Cubs that attend must be aged between 10 and 11 years of age.**

It was alarming the number of Cubs that had not completed the required pre-course work. Two **pre-course worksheets** are sent out to the Cub Scout Leaders for distribution to participants. Can I please ask that all Leaders follow up with their Cubs that they have completed the worksheets and that they bring the worksheets with them to the course. Unfortunately, the Cubs cannot be awarded the Cub Scout Leadership Badge until they have completed all requirements.

With so many Cubs attending, we need at least **14 Leaders to assist in delivering the course.** My sincere thanks to my all the leaders that helped out on the day. We couldn't have done it without you - I hope you enjoyed the day.

Catering for all the hungry Cubs and Leaders was well under control as usual, by the Pinnaroo Fellowship Team under the guidance of Tricia Shaw. Thank you for giving up your Saturday to ensure we were all fed!

The Cubs participated enthusiastically in all the sessions and activities, and gave us some very good feedback in our Forum session and 'review' of the day.

Joey/Cub Fun Day On the Water

The Joey/Cub Fun day on the water was held at Lake Parramatta on Saturday 9th March. It was very pleasing to see so many Cubs participating in this wonderful event which was run by the Region Activities Team. The day started off threatening to rain, however that didn't last long. A record numbers of Cubs and Joeyes,



Leaders, Parents and Scout helpers, enjoyed a fantastic day on and off the water. A great big 1-2-3 Woof to the Activities Team and to all their helpers.

GWS Region Cuborette 'Around the World'



Applications have just closed for the Region Cub camp – Cuborette, which is also proving to be very popular, with applications totalling over 330 Cubs 80 Leaders, 23 Junior Service Leaders (Scouts/Venturers) and 40 Parent Helpers – a huge 475 in total!

The Region Cub Youth Council decided that the theme is **'Around the World'**. Cubs will be camping out for two nights in tents in District mega Packs (just like at Cuboree), with fun and adventurous activities including the Rock Climbing Wall, Canoeing, Science Team plus much, much more. This will be a great camping experience for Cubs (and Leaders) in preparation for the NSW Cuboree being held in January 2020.

NSW Cuboree 'What on earth?' January 2020

Applications are now open for the NSW Cuboree being held from **5th to 9th January 2020**. The Cuboree is a State wide, 5 day (4 night) camp for Cub Scouts, being held at Cataract Scout Park, Appin.



It is an amazing event which brings together Cub Scouts from all across NSW (and possibly from interstate)! The theme of the Cuboree is **'What on Earth?'** and the plans are for this Cuboree to be bigger and better than ever before.

The GWS base theme is **Polar**. We are currently looking for young leaders - Venturers and Scouts (over 13) - to assist on the activity base. If you would like to help, please send an email to Tracey Hansford at tracey.hansford@cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au

There is currently a competition being held for a chance for your Cub Pack to be featured in the opening ceremony at Cuboree!

Enter now:

<https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/about/promotions/resources>

To apply for Cuboree, visit:

<https://nswscouts.eventsair.com/nsw-cuboree-2020/familyregistration/Site/Register>

The latest newsletter can be found here:

<https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/images/Gazette/February2019GlobetrottersGazette.pdf>

More information can be found on the
<https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

If you have any questions please contact
GWS Region Liaison Leader – Melissa Harding
melissa.harding@cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Region Cub Scout Leader (New Role)

I continue to look for an assistant, a Region Cub Scout Leader, who is enthusiastic, full of energy and ideas; able to communicate on all levels and has a passion for the Cub Scout section.

The focus of this position will be on youth programme and youth engagement. You should be willing to attend Region events, some District or Pack events and Region meetings. To apply for this role, you should be aged between 18 and 30 and be willing to complete the necessary training.

Please send your expression of interest to me by email
cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

I would like to welcome Alice Gravina to the role of **District Cub Scout Leader for Hills District**. Alice is currently the Joey Scout Leader at 1st Kellyville and will soon be completing her Cub training and moving into the Cub section – Welcome to the team!

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts
Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



*Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts
who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award*

Cooper Gravina
1st Kellyville

Gino Yan
2nd Castle Hill

1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!



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Cumberland Gang Show 2019

50 Years Together

2019 marks the 50th Cumberland Gang Show and we invite everyone to celebrate with us. 8 performances only, these July School Holidays, July 12 - 20

Tickets on sale April 8th
(Show dates and times on Page 14)

If you would like to book a performing arts workshop for your Scouts or Guides please contact:

workshops@gangshow.asn.au

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

I had great pleasure in presenting Mitchell Stockford of 1st Winston Hills, his Australian Scout Medallion badge at the Parramatta District Swimming Carnival, which was well represented by the Parramatta district groups.

I also attended the Australian Scout Medallion badge presentation of Ashleigh Southam from 1st Toongabbie Scouts on the same night as Mitchell's.

The two presentations were very different in structure, but they were both very meaningful to the people involved. We always need to remember that the scouts receiving the awards are the people we need to consider. The presentations should reflect their personalities.

Our Advanced Leadership Course was held this month. It was a very successful weekend. We had 27 participants from all over the state. The furthest drove 8 ½ hours to attend!!!!

All scouts that attended need to be congratulated on their behaviour and enthusiasm! The best part for most of them was the visit from the Galston RFS. They showed how leadership worked in a real life scenario but the best part was using the fire engine hoses for the massive water fight! Thank you Galston RFS for reinforcing the concepts we were delivering over the course!!!!



42nd Jamboreette is open for registrations. Please get your registrations in early. I also need the base applications in soon. The applications and registrations can be found at:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/179>

The theme is ***'A day in the life of...your true self'*** so I hope you've all been thinking about the themes for your districts.

I'd like to remind the cub leaders that the letter to the 10½ year old cubs has been sent out again this year so please be aware you may be asked to help with their registration. Registrations for cubs need to come through us. We will add each cub individually to the registration system if they are interested in coming. This is a great ***'Try Scouting'*** event.

Registrations for Cuboree 2020 are open! Scouts are encouraged to apply. **Scouts need to be 12 years of age and have been in scouts on Scoutlink for 12 months by 3rd January 2020.** They can choose to work on different activity bases and will have special activities at night to entertain them for the duration of Cuboree.

I have it on good authority that you will really enjoy the items that are programmed. This would be a great

chance to catch up with those friends you met at Jamboree. Encourage them to join in too. Register at: <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)
Region Commissioner Scouts
 Email: scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

This month has been a busy month for the Joey Section. We have had another successful **Joey/Cub Water Fun Day**. I would like to extend a massive Hop Hop Hop to the organisers and supporters that made this event possible. From all reports the youth members had an awesome experience.

Planning has continued with the **NSW Joey Scout Leaders' Conference**, to be held at Glenrock Scout Camp on 1st & 2nd June 2019. I ask that all Joey Leaders make an effort to attend their District Wandarrah, as we would love to have everyone's ideas into putting together a program for GWS to share at this event. Registrations will open soon. We are using the registration system currently being used for the NSW Cuboree. ALL Joey Leaders are expected to attend this event.

Planning is also progressing on the **2019 GWS Joey Fun Day "All Aboard"**. This is being held at the Model Park at Luddenham, on 8th September 2019. The venue has a fully operational scale model train that will take the Joeys on a ride. Outback Steakhouse are also on board for lunch. We are also trying to negotiate some other remote control activities. The climbing wall is booked, but unfortunately we are unable to find a suitable position for a flying fox.

Registrations for this event will be via the region EMS Online E1 System. All adults attending will need to be registered Leaders or Supporters with WWCCs - please get onto these sooner than later. Registrations will open in the next week. There will also be an email sent out to all registered Joeys in the weeks after ANZAC Day. More info on the Model Park can be found here <http://www.ssme.org.au>

Promise Challenges appear to be dropping off the radar lately. This is the peak award of Joey Scouts; I sincerely want to see it promoted to EVERY eligible Joey Scout. Remember the Joey Section is the training section of Scouting, we are here to give them an introduction to Scouting. Please also check the State website for the latest F9 form as the process for applying is evolving over the next year.

The Queen's Scout award is presented at Government House. Let's give it the fanfare it deserves. It is a BIG Deal. Please remember to invite your District Leaders and Commissioners, as well as the Region Commissioner. Let's inspire our Joeys to reach for the stars.

The July School Holidays will see **Cumberland Gang Show** celebrating their anniversary with the production **50 Years Together**. The cast have already started rehearsals and I want to see Joeys from every Joey Mob in the audience. They will not only be supporting the cast, but they will have an awesome time as well. Tickets go on sale on April 8, so organise your Joey Mob and get tickets early. For more details see <http://www.gangshow.asn.au> Why not get your Joey Mob in the mood by organising a Gang Show workshop at your hall, or better still as a district event, or combined buddy badge night. Send an email to workshops@gangshow.asn.au get in early as these get booked out quickly.

For those Joey Leaders on Facebook; NSW has been running a Joey Scout Resources facebook group for a few years now. We have over 1600 leaders and supporters from all over Australia and across the world, sharing ideas and resources. Feel free to join the group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JoeyScoutResources/> Please note that this group is for ideas and resources, not policy. Policy should be discussed at Wandarrah, or Group Council. This is a great site when your are scratching your head for ideas; just ask the question and before you know it, you will have several responses.

Brian Zarth
Region Commissioner Joey Scouts
Email: gws@joeyscouts.com.au



2019 NSW Joey Scout Leaders' Conference

1st - 2nd June 2019
Glenrock Scout Camp

Discover Adventure!

More details will be
given to you soon.



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



Well and truly back into things now with the Region Activities Team. The big event for this month was the Joey & Cub Water Fun Day at Lake Parramatta, and what a fun day it was!

While the weather was a little overcast, it was still warm, and the water great for a swim or capsize! *Even yours truly unintentionally managed to capsize himself!*



Photos: Mark Fell

A huge thank you to Tracey Hansford, and her team for a really top day. I must also say thank you to all the Joeys and Cubs who came along and perfected their circle paddling skills!

"When you get a bit older, we can teach you the straight-line stuff!"

Our Scouts also had a bit of a Water Fun Day of their own, with a Day Canoe Trip on the beautiful Colo River. Heading downstream from the Putty Road Bridge to Lower Portland.

Big thank you to Bryan Hall who led the trip, on what could only be described as a stunning summer's day.



Photo: Bryan Hall

Stuart Cowen and his team were out at their best again with another successful Abseiling Workshop and abseil at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock. We cover the theory side on the Wednesday night prior, so it is pretty much all practical over both days, making these workshops very popular. **Photo: Stuart Cowen**



Our Yabbies were also out and about this month with a “double” Canyon trip up into the Cathedral of Ferns Reserve near Mt. Wilson. For the *newbies*, it was the Wollangambe 2 Canyon, which is a delightful trip using lilos, and a great introduction into the canyons of the Blue Mountains.

For the adventurer seekers it was the Serendipity Canyon which includes about half a dozen abseils up to near 20m in height. One of the great things about this particular trip is both groups can rendezvous together at the end. Big thank you to David (Macca) McKinley and his team for another great day out in the wilds.



So how do you find out about all these great activities? Simply log on to the Region Website, click on Scout Events in the top right hand, which will then take you to all the details of the various activities we have on offer. Or simply enter <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/> onto your browser, and it is all there for you to see!

There is much coming up over the next few months with a caving weekend; a five day sailing workshop; an overnight canoe trip; overnight hikes and more abseiling workshops.

Don't forget the July School holidays is our 50th season of Cumberland Gang Show, for some forward planning.... yes, I can hear you saying, “Dingo that is months away!”, but it will be on us before we know it!

Must go. Need to finish getting all the water out of my kayak...!

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
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SCOUTS AND GUIDES MARDI GRAS 2019

Our fearless Scouts and Guides were cheered on at Mardi Gras 2019 by 300,000 people in Sydney for an evening of 'facing challenges with courage'. Congratulations to all of the fearless Rovers who celebrated diversity and inclusion with 80 participants representing the many Scouts and Guides who identify as part of the LGBTIQA+ community.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Surprise Moot (\$35)

Friday 29th March 7pm - Sunday 31st March 4pm, Lynchwood Scout Camp, Tamworth

GWS RRC

Wednesday 3rd April 7:30pm, Bundilla

NSWRC Conference 2019 (TBA)

Saturday 13th April 9am - Sunday 14th April 5pm, Glenrock Scout Camp

Dragonskin 2019 - Kingdoms & Empires (TBA)

Thursday 18th April 5pm - Monday 22nd April 12pm, Penrose State Forest

Mt. Bimberi Rover Summit Hike (TBA)

Friday April 26th 5pm - Sunday April 28th 3pm, Tantangara

Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner (Gold Coin)

Saturday 4th May 6pm - 11pm, Wentworthville Scout Hall

GWS Jamborette - A Day in the Life of Your True Self (TBA)

Friday 7th June 5pm - Monday 10th June 3pm, Cataract Scout Park



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SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2:00PM
FRIDAY 19TH JULY 7:30PM
SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2:00PM





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SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2:00PM
SATURDAY 13TH JULY 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 11:00AM
SATURDAY 20TH JULY 7:30PM

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